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### **ELIAS K. PREUITT.**

Elias K. Preuitt, a member of the Illinois State Historical Society, died at his home in Bethalto, Illinois, after a lingering illness, in May, 1917. The widow of Mr. Preuitt writes to the Journal that he bore his sufferings with great fortitude and that he expressed his willingness to meet death when he was called. His family and his friends attest his virtues, his ideals, and the fact that his life was that of a Christian and a true American citizen.

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### **ETHAN ALLEN SNIVELY.**

1845—1917.

Ethan Allen Snively died suddenly at his home, 1230 South Sixth Street, in Springfield, Monday, October 22, 1917, from an attack of angina pectoris, at the age of 72 years, 8 months and 5 days, having been born in Cuba, Fulton County, this State, on the 17th day of February, 1845.

Mr. Snively was the son of Henry and Sarah (Stevenson) Snively, and his father was a merchant in what was formerly the village of Cuba, and he attended the common school there until he was 15 years of age.

He was married at Carlinville, Illinois, to Catherine McKim DuBois, who, with his son, Sheldon W. Snively, managing editor of the Terre Haute Star, survives him.

He seemed determined to be a printer and a newspaper publisher, and his ambition was finally promoted in that direction by being apprenticed to James M. Davidson, who published the "Squatter Sovereign" at Havana, Mason County, Illinois, and his first work in the newspaper line was in aiding to get out an "extra" announcing the first nomination of Lincoln for the presidency.

He afterwards worked in the Canton Ledger and Fulton County Democrat offices. In January, 1866, he assumed charge of the Rushville Times, which he conducted two and

one-half years, during which time he built it up so that it acquired a very considerable influence in politics.

He sold out this paper and in July, 1868, established the Galesburg Times at Galesburg. After operating this paper for a while he disposed of it, and for a short time thereafter was editor of the Pekin Times, later leaving that paper to take up the city editorship of the Peoria Democrat. Here he was associated with Robert J. Burdette, who was working as a reporter in Peoria at that time, and a strong friendship sprang up between them which lasted until the death of Mr. Burdette, which occurred in Los Angeles a few years ago.

In the fall of 1871 the Democrats of Macoupin County organized a company to publish a strong Democratic paper in Carlinville, the county seat of that county, and Mr. Snively having a considerable reputation as a newspaper man, and also being a strong Democrat of the uncompromising variety, was employed to take charge of the paper as manager and editor. He finally became proprietor of the paper as well as editor and manager, and operated the paper successfully for several years.

In 1877 he sold the Enquirer and was, for a year or so, engaged in the agricultural implement business.

In 1878 he was elected clerk of the Supreme Court of Illinois, for what was then the central grand division, and was re-elected to the same office in 1884 and 1890. The terms being for six years each, he held that responsible position for eighteen years.

During part of the time he held this office he acted as editor of another paper in Carlinville, called the Macoupin Herald, and later the two papers, the Herald and the Enquirer, were consolidated, Mr. Snively acquiring a proprietary interest. He finally, in 1883, disposed of his interest in this publication, and after that time he had no active connection with the newspaper business as a publisher.

When the State Board of Pardons was organized the law provided that one of the members appointed on said board should be of a minority party. The administration then being Republican, Governor Tanner appointed Mr. Snively as the Democratic member of that board. He continued to serve on the State Board of Pardons under the administrations of

Governors Yates and Deneen until August, 1913, when he retired, having served about sixteen years.

Since that time he had lived a retired life as far as active business was concerned. But he was largely interested in politics and public matters and the affairs of Christ Episcopal Church, of which he was a devoted member.

While Mr. Snively had not been connected, as a publisher, with any newspaper for over thirty years, he has been during that time an honorary member of the Illinois Press Association, of which he was at one time president, and has probably done more for the country publishers of Illinois and for that association than any other one man in the State.

As a newspaper editor and publisher, Mr. Snively was a representative of the old-time days of personal journalism and the days when sharp and vigilant partisanship marked the conduct of the county seat paper. His friends knew where to find him and his enemies respected his antagonism.

As a minority member of the State Board of Pardons, and the oldest member thereof in continuous service while serving thereon he did most of the work of the board. There never has been a member of that board who has worked harder and more conscientiously than did Mr. Snively. And it is but justice to his memory, and to the other members of the board who served with him, to say there never was the least suspicion of a dishonorable transaction of that responsible commission.

Mr. Snively led an active, vigorous life. He was exceedingly charitable and spent much of his time working unselfishly and earnestly for the welfare of his friends, the uplift of the profession of journalism, the community in which he lived, and the State at large. Mr. Snively was one of the earliest members of the Illinois State Historical Society. He was most helpful in all of the Society's efforts, and was a frequent contributor to its publications.

Funeral services for Ethan Allen Snively were held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, October 25, 1917, at the residence and at 3 o'clock at Christ Episcopal Church, Rev. Lester Leake Riley, pastor of the church, and Bishop Granville Sherwood officiating.

Interment was made in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Hon. Joseph M. Page, Jerseyville; James E. McClure and James A. McClure, Carlinville; Charles M. Tinney, George L. Tipton and Thomas Rees of Springfield.

The honorary pallbearers were the vestrymen of Christ Episcopal Church of Springfield and the following: Hon. W. E. P. Anderson, Judge Frank W. Burton, Carlinville; Hon. Andrew Russel, Jacksonville; Hon. James F. O'Donnell, Bloomington; Judge E. S. Smith, M. B. Converse, H. W. Clendenin, Cornelius J. Doyle, Samuel M. Burnett and H. L. Williamson of Springfield and E. J. Murphy, warden of Joliet penitentiary.